

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tadayon et al. (U.S. 2003/0093995) in view of Allen et al. (U.S. 6,307,142). Claims 2, 3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tadayon et al. and Allen et al., and further in view of Meir (U.S. 2003/0117760). Claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as set forth in the outstanding Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Drawings

It is noted that the Examiner has accepted the drawings as originally filed with this application.

Amendments to Specification

Applicant has amended the specification as noted above to cure obvious grammatical and idiomatic inaccuracies. It is believed that the foregoing amendments to the specification overcome the outstanding objections thereto. No "new matter" has been added to the original disclosure by the foregoing amendments to the specification.

Claim Amendments

By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 3 and 4 and has amended claim 1 of this application. It is believed that the amended claims specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 4 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Applicant's amended claim 1 comprises a combination of original claims 1, 3 and 4, thus redrafting claim 4 in independent form. Original claims 2 and 5 each dependent from amended claim 1. In the absence of any art cited against

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Applicant's original claim 4, it is not believed that any detailed discussion of the cited prior art references is necessary. Suffice to say that all of the claims remaining in this patent application contain subject matter against which no prior art citations have been made.

Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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